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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

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TO: AMBASSADOR LOW, FROM: MARY E. KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS.

1. DURING THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA LAST MAY,
THREE ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS SOUGHT ME OUT TO EXPRESS A STRONG
INTEREST IN THE PEACE CORPS. THEY ARE:

DR. S.H. SIWALE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEDICAL SERVICES,
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT;
DR. S.S. MUNDIA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MEDICAL SERVICES,
MEDICAL CARE ADMINISTRATION;
MR. A.P. VAMOER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL FOOD AND
NUTRITION COMMISSION.
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2. I HAVE ASKED, DR. WILLIAM GAYMON, DIRECTOR OF PEACE
CORPS AFRICA REGION. TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE GENEVA CON-
TACTS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO TANZANIA. HIS PRO-
JECTED ETA FOR LUSAKA IS APRIL 14, 14H10 AIR MALAWI FLIGHT
556. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MEETING WITH YOU, YOUR
STAFF, THE AID OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF GRZ YOU RECOMMEND.

WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ALERTING MESSRS. SIWALE, MUNDIA, AND VAMOER OF DR. GAYMON'S VISIT AND MY GREETINGS.

3. PEACE CORPS AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE HAS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL. VOLUNTEERS SERVE IN 63 COUNTRIES (2,500 VOLUNTEERS CURRENTLY WORK IN 25 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, INCLUDING NORTH AFRICA), ASSIGNED IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION, FOOD PRODUCTION, PURE WATER SUPPLY, AND BASIC EDUCATION.

4. VOLUNTEERS ARE ASSIGNED THROUGH THE HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. THEY LIVE AND WORK ALONGSIDE THE PEOPLE THEY ASSIST AND ARE TRAINED TO SPEAK THE LOCAL LANGUAGE. NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND, THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED FOR THE JOBS TO BE PERFORMED.

5. AS WE DEVELOP PLANS FOR ALLOCATING FUTURE RESOURCES, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS WHERE PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE WILL:

A. ADDRESS NEEDS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BY THE PEOPLE OR COMMUNITY TO BE AFFECTED, THUS ENCOURAGING THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

6. STRESS PRINCIPAL RELIANCE ON LOCAL MATERIALS, LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUMAN RESOURCES, AND TECHNICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES.

C. FOCUS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

D. COMPLEMENT BROADER NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

E. CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEEDIEST PEOPLE.

F. INTEGRATE HOST COUNTRY WOMEN AS PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

6. AS YOU KNOW IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EVEN UNDER THE BEST CIRCUMSTANCES A NEW PROGRAM COULD BE DEVELOPED IN LESS THAN 18 MONTHS.

7. ANTICIPATE YOUR RESPONSE. VANCE

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